

## **CONTACT Peace Building Training and Education South Asia Program**

The CONTACT Peace Building Training and Education in South Asia program is a two-week professional training in conflict transformation. It is held in Kathmandu, Nepal. The program serves the needs of working professionals in the SAARC region (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka) who want to further their skills and knowledge in peace building and community development. This year the program will be held from **December 4-15, 2013 in Kathmandu, Nepal.**

The program explores ways to confront the past, intervene in the present, and create a shared vision for a secure and sustainable future for the South Asia region. Through a combination of South Asia-focused readings, discussions, and experiential activities with faculty, participants develop a full range of peace building skills and techniques. Participants benefit from a unique opportunity to be in a diverse multicultural setting and share experiences and knowledge with their fellow peace builders by building collaborative cross-border relationships that will contribute to conflict transformation, sustainable peace, and increased development in the region. Topics of discussion will include conflict analysis, conflict intervention, inter-communal dialogue, media and peace building and reconciliation. You can also go to <http://www.sit.edu/graduate/contact-saarc.cfm> for more information about the program, faculty and classes, etc.

Please be sure to include the following when submitting your application:

**A 1 page essay** typed in English and written by you, describing your professional background and interests relevant to the field of conflict transformation and peace building, including personal expectations and objectives and plans for applying the skills and knowledge acquired in the program.

**Your resume or curriculum vitae:**

One (1) **letter of reference is required.** This needs to be a letter from your supervisor, a colleague, peer or professor who knows your work. The letter should detail your experience and passion for peace building as well as plans on where and how you will use the skills and the knowledge acquired during the institute.

Non-native speakers of English must demonstrate their ability to participate in a graduate-level academic program in English.

**A copy of your passport**

**Documentation of English Proficiency:**

Applicants whose first language is not English and who did not attend an undergraduate institution at which the language of instruction was English, must provide documentation that will demonstrate the English language acquisition (courses attended, tests given, etc). Should you have taken and passed the TOEFL or IELTS exams, please send copies of your documents along with your application.

**Application deadline is October 15, 2013. Please send all applications to [EliasPX@state.gov](mailto:EliasPX@state.gov) You can also e-mail your questions or call 8855500 ext. 2815.**